

## JANUARY 18 – 24, 2021 COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK

**WHEREAS,** every 24 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation, 74% percent of all fire deaths occurred in the home in 2018, home fires were responsible for 11,200 civilian injuries and 74% of all civilian injuries in 2018, and an estimated \$25.6 billion in property damage occurred as a result of fire in 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80% of total call volume in some jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS,** Community Risk Reduction is a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer, and a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and

WHEREAS, the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive, and most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Thom Kolupski, Mayor of the City of Seabrook on behalf of the City Council, citizens and employees of the City do hereby proclaim January 18-24, 2021 as Community Risk Reduction Week in the City of Seabrook.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I do hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Seabrook to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



Thomas G. Kolupski, Mayor